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## HUGE LOSSES TO TEUTON AND ALLY IN VERDUN DRIVE

KAISER'S INFANTRY FIGHTS WAY TO VERY GATES OF GAULS' GREAT FORTRESS

## FRENCH LOSING GROUND STEADILY ON GREAT FRONT

## COMBAT IN VIOLENCE AND EXTENT GREATEST DURING WAR; THOUSANDS DEAD

### SITUATION ON WAR FRONTS.

#### Russian Front.

German troops, driving the French back, capture five important points and arrive within great cannon range of the fortress of Verdun. Kaiser arrives at front. Here crown prince is in command. The French announce that retirement was made to prevent waste of lives. Berlin expects fall of Verdun, to be followed by drive on Paris.

#### Russian Front.

Germans drop bombs from aircraft on northern front and continue artillery action against Russian positions. Slava repulse attacks and gain ground in center and in Galicia.

#### Portugal Near War.

Portugal holds interned Teuton vessels seized Tuesday and invite declaration of war from Germany and Austria.

#### In The Air.

Austrian airmen sink Italian transport, loaded with troops in the harbor of Durazzo. French pilots in successful raid near Metz.

London, Feb. 26.—Smashing the French lines in the Woerre region is one of the greatest drives attempted in months on the western battle front. German infantry has fought its way to a point eight miles from the famous French fortress of Verdun.

The French are contesting every step of the way, and the combat is raging furiously, far surpassing in extent and violence any battle fought in this region since the early weeks of the war.

Troops belonging to seven German army corps (280,000 men) under Crown Prince Frederick William are engaged along a 25-mile front north of Verdun in a desperate effort to drive back the French defending forces, probably with the capture of the great fortress of Verdun in view.

There has been very heavy fighting for a considerable period in this district of the French war zone, but within the last few days the attacks of the Germans have taken on added strength. The battle line has been extended and now reaches from Matan on the west to Etain, on the east, with Verdun in the center, only a few miles southward.

#### German Losses Heavy.

The Germans are aiming at Verdun and are sacrificing troops in great numbers in their efforts to break through to the fortress. According to the German official statement transmitted today from Berlin, the Germans have succeeded in penetrating the French lines north of Verdun along a front of six miles for a distance of two miles toward the fortress. The German losses have been extremely heavy, according to the French war office.

North of Beaufort the French were able to make a strong attack and recovered the forest of Caudie. The French statement makes no mention of the success alleged by the Germans and admits only the loss of Laumout. According to the German statement, the success of the infantry attack on the six-mile front was marked by the capture of 3,000 prisoners and great quantities of war material.

The Berlin statement says the German offensive was aimed at a big redoubt near Cobenvoye which the French had been strengthening for 18 months. Besides the fighting in the Woerre region the German state-

## How Germans Sought Control of Caribbean Sea



No. 1—St. Thomas, where they own ground for coaling station.  
No. 2—Cartagena, where they sought to purchase a naval base.  
No. 3—Nicaragua canal route they tried to buy.  
No. 4—Mole St. Nicholas, where they tried to lease a naval base.

## WHEAT PRICES GO TUMBLING AS WAR LOOMS HATCHERY BILL NIGHT SUCCESS FOR NEW STATE GETS INNING

### PATTERN ALONE DROPS \$300,000 WHEN BREAK ON CHANGE OCCURS

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Wheat values broke five cents the bushel on account of the depression of New York stock market today. Apparently many traders have jumped at the conclusion that the Wall street declines pointed to an increased tension over the plains of Germany for attacks on armed merchant vessels.

May wheat dropped to a dollar thirteen and seven-eighths, against a dollar thirteen and three-quarters shown at yesterday's fias. Heavy sales were selling took place.

James A. Patten, former king of the wheat job, tossed back into the pit yesterday a good share of his recent winnings, settling out a line estimated at \$600,000 to \$400,000 bushels, showing a loss estimated by 10%

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## INTERNATIONAL LAW CHANGED BY SUBMARINE

### LANSING MAY OPEN NEW LINE; BRANDIS INVESTIGATION STILL ON

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#### It Was Already Wrecked.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Louis Brandis' part in the New York and New England railroad litigation in 1892 was defended today before the senate judiciary sub-committee investigating Mr. Brandis' fitness to be a supreme court justice, by Justice Kelley. New York supreme court, who employed him. Those who opposed Mr. Brandis charged that he had been employed to wreck the road.

"Mr. Brandis was not employed to wreck the road," Justice Kelley told

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Lisbon, Feb. 26.—The Portuguese Premier today stated in the Chamber of Deputies that attempts had been made to damage seven of the Teutonic ships requisitioned by the government and that explosives had been found on the steamship Benito of the North German Lloyd Company.

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## VIM AND PEP MARK MEET OF COMMERCE BODY

### CAMPAIGN FOR NEW CITY INDUSTRIAL UPLIFT IS ON

### NEW DIRECTORATE BEGINS ITS LABORS

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF C. OF C. ATTENDED WITH ENTHUSIASM

#### New Officers:

President—L. G. Niblack.

First Vice President—Lyman Gray.

Second Vice President—P. B. Graham.

Secretary—Fred J. Werner.

Treasurer—Eugene Deyers.

New board of directors installed to serve during the coming year.

Lyman Gray, Sam Gardner, Fred W. Green, W. W. Bishop, H. P. Coulson, Carl Earle, John Glouche, J. E. Paymal, L. I. Beland, L. G. Niblack, H. T. Swearingen, E. Fenton, E. W. Trapnell, Dan Morris, Stewart McKay, Frank S. Gresham, C. H. Petty, W. E. McKee, E. J. Allen.

Enthusiasm marked the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce held Friday night. In fact, to use the street vernacular, the meeting was characterized by "pep." All the new directors were present and plans looking to an industrial revival in Guthrie were discussed and completed.

The new directors were duly installed and each pledged his word to show up regularly at all meetings thereafter. In the election of officers there was no friction, the nominations and elections being made by acclamation. In thanking the directors for the honor bestowed and accepting the presidency, Mr. Niblack told of industrial conditions, past and present in Guthrie and was optimistic in dealing with the future. "The tide of prosperity has set in," said he, and Guthrie by united effort on the part of business men are taking it at the flood."

"All eyes are focused on Guthrie and Logan county now; values are taking a firmer grip, new enterprises are on the way, others anxious to get in and the chronic knocker has retired from business." Mr. Niblack told of renewed interest in oil development and the possible making of the state's chief oil center here. "Here we have a modern city, fully pampered and equipped ready for the horde of newcomers now on the way. The stakes are all set for testing out Logan county.

Within two months seven derricks will be pulsating in the 'chit-chug' of drifts within the confines of Logan.

Oil experts and geologists have made official declaration that an immense oil pool underlies Logan. The cushion pool with its high grade oil is giving out. New fields must be opened if Oklahoma's place in the oil sun is to be maintained. Oil doctors have chased up and down the backbone of the mid-continent field in search of criss-cross anti-lines and legends. They point to Logan county and men with money are ready to exploit our fields.

The exploitation will be successful. Guthrie must profit by the new development. The time is ripe. The Chamber of Commerce has duties to perform in the new order of things. Are we ready? We are."

Enthusiastic talks relative to the city's growth and welfare were made by Dr. Petty, Fred Green, Lou Beland, J. S. Fenton, Swearingen and others and the new directorate was launched on a rising tide of optimism.

Lyman Gray, George Speer and Stewart McKay were appointed a special auditing and system committee to audit the books for the past year and in connection with the secretary inaugurate a revised up-to-date system of books and records and compilation of statistical data.

J. E. Paymal was appointed chairman of the permanent auditing committee.

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## SPECIAL SESSION MADE CHANGES IN HIGHWAY LAW

SECTIONS AMENDED THAT WERE NOT SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR; HE MAY VETO IT

The recent special session of the legislature revised the state highway law. The changes embrace the subjects opened up by Governor McNamee in his message to the legislature and many other topics and parts of the law were not laid before the legislature for action but which the governor specifically withheld from the legislature. The bill is on the desk of the governor intended to still no doubt receive his careful attention as will also the short bill makes an amendment in the law authorizing counties to issue bonds for bridge construction, the change being to allow local issues for road construction as well.

Some of the changes in the state highway law seem to strengthen the position of the boards of county commissioners in line with the recommendations made by those officials in their meeting in this city some time ago. The authority of the commissioners to pay out money for purchase of tools, machinery, equipment, engineering and other items is complete. There is a provision that all bond issues shall be payable in annual installments.

The act clarifies the taxing power of the counties for road construction as suggested by the governor declaring that in addition to the one-half mill levy authorized for common school purposes and to the levies for current court expenses, the County Executive Board is authorized to make an additional levy for road purposes in an amount which, together with the other levies authorized, shall not exceed a total of 4 mills. The additional levy when made and collected need not be used for construction and maintenance of state highways.

War, therefore, is a very positive horror to the monks of Mt. Athos. So after due deliberation, they decided to send two of their presidents (of whom there are four named in rotation from each of the convents) each year to Athens, to lay their fears before the representative of the regular head of the Greek church. In pursuance of this decision, armed with a loaf of black bread, a little paper of salt and an icon of great beauty, newly painted with loving hands, the two black-robed elders of the ancient religious republic left the protected peace of their cells and walls, sought and ventured the treacherous waters of the Aegean to put their difficulties before Prince Constantine, Imperial Russian Minister to Greece. The secular head and most powerful defender of the Greek church in the world outside of Mt. Athos is the Emperor of all the Russians. To him to person they could bid go. The way was cut off. Neither through Bulgaria in arms nor by sea of the besieged Bosphorus could their leaders of Mt. Athos come to their next friend and protector. So they went as best they could to his representative, dressed in their ample flowing robes their pot hats like our own "Uncle Tom" turned upside down, and that meant hair and patriarchal beard. And the Russian Minister received them, gave them food and drink in his exquisite palace in Athens in return for their bread and salt and healing them with great respect, assured them their case would be put before the emperor himself, and that a contingent of Russian marines would be sent to guard the peninsula if they had to come all the way from Archangel to get there. He told them not to fear, for the Bulgars

## STOLE CASING FROM TRAPNELL'S CAR

A fine casing with inner tube attached to E. W. Trapnell's car was stolen Friday night. The casing was strapped tightly to the car. The strap was cut. The car was standing on North First street. Mr. Trapnell was attending a chamber of commerce meeting of the time. Mr. Trapnell offers a reward for the capture of the thief. Police have two clues.

After being out 50 hours, the jury in the Blaine county election conspiracy case, hopelessly hung, was discharged by Judge Crittenton yesterday. Monday and Tuesday were quiet days of the Blaine county election during the year 1912, and in a legal race eliminated from the election returned the votes cast in eleven precincts. The defendants pleaded that the votes were eliminated under their construction of the Oklahoma election law.

Trial of the two men began two weeks ago, and the jury retired Wednesday afternoon.

## MUZZLE YOUR DOG SAYS COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

DR. RUCKS ADVISES ALL DOG OWNERS TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST: RABIES PREVENT.

Because of the fact that hydrophobia or rabies is quite a common affliction in this country, and especially so now, we have recently had two cases develop in dogs in Guthrie, the local board of health request that all dogs be muzzled, or kept indoors in some way, for a period of six weeks.

Thus far we have not been able to prevent the spread of the disease.

We realize that local efforts can only be partly efficient, and regret that a national muzzling law can not be enacted.

England, France, New Zealand, and other countries have practically eradicated rabies by muzzling.

I am informed by the state board of health that since July of last year that two hundred heads of supposedly

## MONKS IN PERIL MAKE LOUD CRY FOR PROTECTION

### APPROACH OF WORLD WAR TO BALKAN FRONT CREATES TERROR

### ST. ATHOS APPEALS TO MOTHER CHURCH

### QUEEN UNWORLDLY LIVES ARE SHATTERED BY ROAR OF CANNON

(By Associated Press.)

Karyes, Macedonia Peninsula, Greece, Feb. 26.—The monks of St. Athos have appealed to the Holy Mother Church of Russia for protection, implored in their quiet unworldly lives by the approach of the world war to a Balkan battlefield several months ago. The Holy Synod of the Community, which constitutes the thoroughly democratic government of the twenty convents, long disengaged the repräsentative of the regular head of the Greek church. In pursuance of this decision, armed with a loaf of black bread, a little paper of salt and an icon of great beauty, newly painted with loving hands, the two black-robed elders of the ancient religious republic left the protected peace of their cells and walls, sought and ventured the treacherous waters of the Aegean to put their difficulties before Prince Constantine, Imperial Russian Minister to Greece. The secular head and most powerful defender of the Greek church in the world outside of Mt. Athos is the Emperor of all the Russians. To him to person they could bid go. The way was cut off. Neither through Bulgaria in arms nor by sea of the besieged Bosphorus could their leaders of Mt. Athos come to their next friend and protector. So they went as best they could to his representative, dressed in their ample flowing robes their pot hats like our own "Uncle Tom" turned upside down, and that meant hair and patriarchal beard. And the Russian Minister received them, gave them food and drink in his exquisite palace in Athens in return for their bread and salt and healing them with great respect, assured them their case would be put before the emperor himself, and that a contingent of Russian marines would be sent to guard the peninsula if they had to come all the way from Archangel to get there. He told them not to fear, for the Bulgars

## WEATHER

### THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

This continuous joyously sound foolishness may give you a pain, but I wouldn't be clever and gloomy—I'd rather be glad and Irene RTC.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—Tonight